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Piteraq

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A **piteraq** is a cold [katabatic wind](#) which originates on the [Greenlandic](#) icecap and sweeps down the east coast. The word "piteraq" means "that which attacks you" in the local language.^[1] Piteraqs are most common in the autumn and winter. Wind speeds typically reach 50 to 80 m/s (180–288 km/h; 111–178 mph). On February 6, 1970 the community of [Tasiilaq](#) was hit by the worst documented piteraq ever in Greenland (estimated at 90 m/s — about 325 km/h or 200 mph) causing severe damage.^[2] Since the beginning of 1970 special piteraq warnings are issued by the [Danish Meteorological Institute](#).

See also

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- [Williwaw](#)
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